at so low a price that the fanners were discouraged from tillage and disable to pay their rents or set poor labouring men on work Hereupon the Lord Treasurer granted licence that some portion should be transported out of the realm to be sold But now some malicious spirits ha\e not only raised bruits in the country, but especially in the City, that by immoderate transportation great dearth is made among the people but have falsely taxed the Lord Treasurer with malicious accusations It is therefore declared that there hath been no immoderate transportation and that this show of dearth hath appeared in certain places by practice of some unconscionable farmers that go about to hoard up their corn, hoping that an apprehension of an unseasonable year to come would raise the prices More- over all mayors, justices of peace, bailiffs, constables, head- boroughs and other public officers are commanded to be diligent to find out and apprehend such unnatural vipers which do engross grain to the prejudice of poor people, and also to be very careful and vigilant to apprehend those that offend by railing speech or writing , and also to make known that all who hear such speeches and reveal them not to the next officer shall be held partakers of these heinous offences And likewise of those that make like false reports of leather to be transported out of the realm

THE TREATY OF BOULOGNE

Nothing is yet begun for the treaty of peace between the commissioners at Boulogne, for they can come to no agreement concerning precedency, the Archduke's commissioners being stiff to refuse her Majesty not only precedency but even equality, and ours likewise unwilling to give away

any jot of her Majesty's honour They allege many reasons for this precedency, as that the King of Spain holdeth his Kingdom by ancient descent from the Kings of the Goths who were saluted with great and universal reverence at a time when there were no dukes of Britain born nor created, nor for long after , that the cosmographers do resemble Spain to the head of a body ; and many other idle stones But it is to be feared that this *punctilio* without just reason is rather to serve some present turn than otherwise